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EXCISE E

TUESDAY
APRIL 6, 1954

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Monsieur Antoine of Chaix came to see me and I discussed the sale of my book. I was not greatly enlightened by the conversation, since he did not have much knowledge of the sales end of his business, but he is going to send me a memorandum about it.

E. was feeling badly so I went alone to lunch at Robert de Billy's. There was a large party, including the Hugheses, the Emile Roches, the Haags, Jacqueline Patenôtre, South Americans, Englishmen, and the French Minister of the Interior, Martinaud-Déplat, and his wife. I had a fine time.

After lunch I talked at length with Emile Roche, who is generally considered the most dynamic force in the Radical Socialist Party outside of its parliamentary membership. We discussed Morocco, and I told him again how much I had enjoyed his book on this subject. He says the French Government has done nothing in the way of reformation there since the deposition of the Sultan, and a new Resident General, a civilian politician of high standing, should be appointed to succeed General Guillaume. He believes the EDC would pass if the Government would force it to a vote.

Bob Thayer came in this afternoon. He has just returned from Washington, where he has been offered a Governmental job which he will probably accept.

I then saw Paul Birdsall. Both Thayer and Birdsall said the situation in the State Department, due to McCarthy and terrorism, was appalling.

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Arnold, of the German Delegation, visited me to ask whether I would be free to confer off and on during Friday with Walter Hallstein, who is coming down to discuss the Saar with Maurice Schumann. I told him I would be glad to do so.

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We had a big dinner tonight with the following guests: the Jacquinots, General Corniglion-Molinier, the Australian Ambassador, the Cuban Ambassador and his wife, the Caraman-Chimays, the Freddie Cabrols, the Alain de Rothschilds, the Thoresens, the Chambers, the Bunny Carters, Jacqueline Obendorf, Pierre Brisson, the Jean la Rivieres, Colette de la Tournelle, and a lot of others.